

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4163

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to install a plaque commemorating the Dred Scott decision at the entrance to the Old Court House in the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 1998

Mr. CLAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that the Old Courthouse located
5 in the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in Saint
6 Louis, Missouri, is the place where a slave named Dred
7 Scott fought for his freedom in a landmark trial that
8 found the Missouri Compromise unconstitutional and pre-

1 cipitated the Civil War, and is therefore one of our Na-
2 tion's most important historic sites.

3 **SEC. 2. INSTALLATION OF PLAQUE COMMEMORATING**
4 **DRED SCOTT DECISION IN JEFFERSON NA-**
5 **TIONAL EXPANSION MEMORIAL.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
8 Interior shall install a plaque commemorating the Su-
9 preme Court decision in the case Dred Scott v. John San-
10 ford, 60 U.S. 393 (1857), at the entrance to the Old
11 Courthouse located in the Jefferson National Expansion
12 Memorial in Saint Louis, Missouri.

13 (b) CONTENTS OF PLAQUE.—The plaque shall in-
14 clude information regarding—

15 (1) the important facts about Dred Scott's life
16 and death; and

17 (2) the significance of the Dred Scott case to
18 the Missouri Compromise and the Civil War.

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